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ODE TO A (LONDON) "LARK."

(Some Way after Quisquis.) On, "lark," which all the "Comiques" sing, And every drunken rowdy pup, too; Sure you're a vicious, vulgar thing As ever toper swigged a cup to.

Hints of the boosy and the blue Surround you; sodden brains you soften; Yet rhymsters make a song of you, And rowdies sing it—far too often,

The aim of every loose-lipped locat
Appears to be to "lark" divinely;
When from his haunts he gets chucked out
He deems his "spree" has ended finely.

He tracks the "lark"—aye, "like a bird,"
Upon the turf, among its "daisies";
But, by sweet Sheller, 'tis absurd,
Foul bird of prey, to pipe your praises!

A KIND OFFER.—A lady who is not well up in Parliamentary matters writes to us saying that she has seen mentioned in the papers "Mr. Speaker's Retirement Bill," and would very much like to know what the amount is. Her admiration for the late SPEAKER is so great that, our fair correspondent goes on to say, she would willingly defray the whole amount herself, or if the total be too much for her pocket, then would she cheerfully head a subscription list. She is perfectly certain that Mr. PEEL was a very moderate man, and therefore the entire sum cannot be very startling.

RATHER "BOLD ADVERTISEMENT."

["Advertisements for some time past have been inserted in Government publications."—Daily Paper.]

Scene-Room of a Secretary of State. Present Right Hon. Gentleman attended by his Private Secretary.

Right Hon, Gentleman. Well, TENTERFORE, anything for me this morning?

morning?

Private Secretary. I think not. You will find that I have worked out the answers to to-day's questions—the list is not a very heavy one, only a couple of dozen queries or thereabouts.

Rt. Hon. Gent. That's right. Such a lot of time is wasted in that sort of thing. And has anyone come for me?

Priv. Sec. No one of importance. A fellow with a new invention or something of that sort. Said you were extremely busy just now, but that if he would write, his letter would receive the attention of the department.

the department.

Rt. Hon. Gent. Was he satisfied?

Pric. Sec. (smiling). Well, I fear not entirely. I think he must have had some experience of Government offices. He said he pre-

have had some experience of Government offices. He said he preferred to see you personally.

Rt. Hon. Gent. (amused). I dareasy he would. Anyone else?

Priv. Sec. Only a man about advertisements.

Kt. Hon. Gent. (aghast). You did not send him away?

Priv. Sec. Well, no. I believe he is still in the waiting-room. But surely you don't want to see him?

Rt. Hon. Gent. Of course I do. A most important person. Send a messenger for him at once. (Exit Private Scoretary.) That's the worst of Tenterpore—so impulsive! Means well, but so very impulsive! (Knock.) Ah, here comes my visistor. (Enter stranger.) My very dear Sir, I am delighted to see you. (He shakes hands warmly and provides him with an arm-chair.) I am sorry you should have been detained—quite a mistake.

Stranger (surprised). You are most kind. I come about some advertisements.

advertisements,

advertisements.

Rt. Hon. Gent. I know, my dear Sir, I know. Now what can I tempt you with? You arrive at a most fortunate moment. We are thinking of letting the sides of our cruisers for posters. The Moditerranean fleet will be a most excellent medium. We can do sixteen double crowns at a very reasonable rate; of course the Admiral's flag-ship would be a trifle extra. Is your leading article soap, pickles. or hair-dye?

Stranger. I am afraid you do not understand me.

Rt. Hon. Gent. Oh yes, I do; but, if you object to marine advertisements, I think we can suit you on land. We have several commanding positions on the colours of some of the most popular regi-

ments in the service vacant. (Showing plans.) You see we can insert type—we object to blocks—on the material without interfering with the badges or the victories. A most admirable medium, assure you.

Stranger. You really are in error. I wish to say—
Rt. Hon. Gent. (interrupting). Yes, I know. You think that something would be better. Well, we can put advertisements on the backs of all petitions presented to Parliament, and let you out hoardings in front of the more prominent of the Government offices. How would that suit you?

Stranger Beally you must allow me to explain. Advertisements

How would that suit you?

Stranger. Really, you must allow me to explain. Advertisements of matters interesting to mariners—such as notices of wrecks—are inserted solely in the London Gazette and—

Rt. Hon. Gent. Ah, you are thinking of the sky signs. Well, of course, we might utilise the lighthouses, but we have not quite made up our minds whether such a course might not cause confusion in misty weather. misty weather.

Stranger. I was going to propose that the Government might feel inclined to insert the advertisements to which I have referred in a paper with which I am connected, and which is extensively circulated

amongst seafaring men.

Rt. Hon. Gent. (astounded). You want me to give you an advertisement! No, Sir; now that we have taken up advertisements we insert them and don't give them out. (Enter Private Scoretary.)

Mr. TENTERFORE, be so good as to explain to this gentleman that my time is valuable.

[Scene closes in upon the Secretary of State performing the now rather miscellaneous duties appertaining to his office.

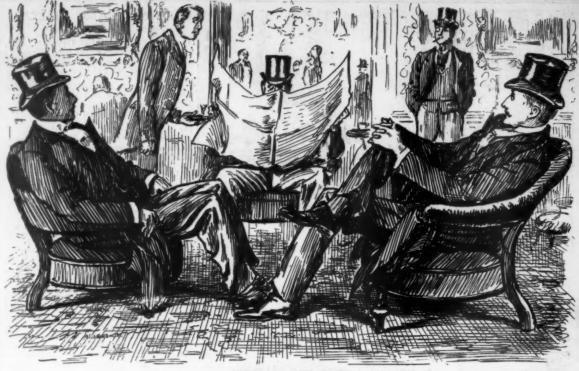
BRIEF STAY IN LONDON OF THE EMINENT FRENCH NOVELIST.— He has not quite mastered our idioms, but he has made a pun in Knglish, when saying, "Jy suis, moi, Daudet: je pars demain," i.e., "I am here Do-day, and gone to-morrow."

SUGGESTION.—"The Attaree Khat Tea Co," is a nice name. Why not follow with the "Attaree Khat and Kitten Milk Co."? Very attaree-active to some pussons.

MOTTO (ADDRESSED TO FLUTES, HAUTBOYS, &C.) FOR CONDUCTOR OF THE STRAUSS ORCHESTRA.—"STRAUSS shows how the wind is to

"INPART PHENOMENOS!"—At Drury Lane, the arduous part of Don Casar in the opera of Maritana was last Friday played by a Child!

WORD OF COMMAND FOR HOSPITAL SUNDAY,-" Present Alms!"



SOCIAL AGONIES.

Algy. "Come and Dine with me to-night, Snobbington!"
Snobbington. "Sorry to say I can't, Old Chappir. Apraid I've got to go and Dine with that old fool Lord Borr-HAM, FOR MY SINS!"

Lord Boreham (from behind his Newspaper), "PRAY CONSIDER YOURSELF EXCUSED THIS EVENING, Mr. -DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU BY SIGHT!" [Which is quite true !

'ARRY AND THE NEW WOMAN.

DEAR CHARLIE,—'Ow are you, old shipmate?

I've bin layin' low for a time.
'Ard years these 'ere Nineties, my nibs, yus, and bisness 'as bin fur from prime.

All grind and no gay galoot, CHARLIE, of late
as bin my little lot;
An' between you and me and
the post, I think most things is going to pot!

It's Newness wot's doing it,
CHARLIE! "Lor! that's
a rum gospol," sez you.
Well, p'raps in your green
tooral-looral you don't
hear so much of the New;
But in town with New Art,
and New Women, New
Drammer, New Humour,
and such.

and such,
There seems nothink old left in creation, save
four-arf, and DANNEL's old Dutch.

She's old, and no hapricots, CHARLIE. But

Dannel's a decentish sort, And the way as she lays down the law about

up-to-date woman is sport. 'Er nutorackers clitter and clatter; and when she is fair on the shout, Concernin' fresh feminine fashions, you bet

it's a reglar knock-out!

I took Lil., Dannel's youngest, larst week to the play, with some tickets I'd got. Well. paperers mustn't be choosers. But oh, mate, of all the dashed rot

They ever chucked over the footlights, this 'ere Probblem Play was the wust!

It left me with brain discumfuddled, the

blues, and a thundering thust,

It gave poor Lil 'Arris the 'orrors. "Lor,
'Arry," she sex, coming out,
"They've styged it, no doubt, tol-lol-poppish,
but wot is the 'ole thing about?
I feel just as creepy and 'oller, along o' these
'ere warmed-up ghosts,
As if I'd bin dining on spiders. Eugh!
Let's 'ave a glarss at 'The Posts.""

It took two 'ot tiddleys to warm 'er. An'
when I was blowin' a cloud
A-top o' the tram going 'ome, she sez,
"'ARRY," sez she, "I ain't proud,
But don't tyke me never no more to no New
Woman nonsense," sez she.
"It's narsty; and not one good snivel or
larf in the whole jamboree.

"I don't call them people, I don't." "No; they're problems, Lil., that's wot they are. [he-problem sucks'is cigar; She-problem a tearin' 'er 'air, whilst the Two gurl-problems sniffing at Marriage, that played-out old faree—at sixteen!—I thought we was fair up-to-date, Lil., but, bless yer, we're simply pea-green!"

And when we arrived at Lamb's Conduit Street, old Danker 'Arris's shop, His old Dutch got fair on the grind, and when started she's orkud to stop.
"New Woman?" sex she. "She's no clarss,

LIL, and don't know a mite where she are.

Yah! We used to call 'em Old Cats; and a sootabler name, too, by far.

"There ain't nothink new in their Newness; it's only old garbige warmed up.
Mere bubble-and-squeak. The stale taters and greens on which poor people sup.
Is 'olesome compared with sich offal. Yah! Weddings'll outlast that lot;
And while gals is gals the old Eve'll jest make the new evil seem rot."

The jawsome old guffin was right, CHARLIE;

leastways, she wosn't fur out. Yer female footballers and bikers, as swagger and go on the ahout,

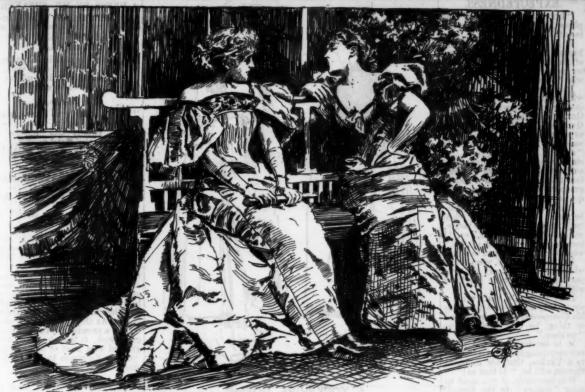
And spile a good sport and their hancles, are not more complete off the track

Than them as "revolt"—agin Nature, and cook their she-bokos—at fack!

All splutter-sludge, CHARLIE! On styge or on cinder-path, sillypop things
As want to play Man and be Woman are trying to fly without wings,
Or fight without fistes. Are Mon, the world's masters—like you, mate, and Me—
To be knocked out by probblems in petticoats?
Wot bloomin' fiddle-de-dee!

The Old Dutch, and young Lil, and myself are all much of a mind on this job.
Old 'Arris sez men are not in it. 'He don't mean it, I'll bet a bob.

It ain't very likely, not now, that Yours Scrumptiously ever will marry; But if I should tyke a Old Woman, it won't be no New Woman! 'ARRY.



Edith. "I don't believe Jack will ever learn to Dance!"

Alice (whose dress has suffered). "Worse than that—he will never learn not to attempt it!"

FAIR CHILDREN IN GRAFTON STREET.

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A SPLENDID show, though some of the children are neither fair nor beautiful. Note No. 114, "The Chinese Boy," by Sir Joshua. He is a boy, certainly, but his complexion has a mahogany tinge not usually associated with loveliness. Catherine de Medicis, if we may judge by No. 67, was a plain, decent, housewifely body, with a family of four horrors, three male and one female, all of whom, eventually, wore a crown. Can it be possible that La Reine Margot ever looked like that? If so, the great Dumas is convicted of gross deceit. For a screaming farce in oil, let the visitor look at No. 155, "The Infant Johnson," by Sir Joshua. Some one has evidently suggested to the baby lexicographer that he should have a bath. Naturally enough he is furious at the idea. "Sir," he seems to say, "let us take a perambulator down Fleet Street, or anywhere else, but let us not bathe." Can there not be found a companion dicture of the mighty infant in a cheerful mood, prattling out a "What, nurse, are you for a frolic? Then I'm with you." In a case labelled No. 454 are to be seen toys, dolls, and playthings found in Children's Tombs in Egypt. Here, too, is the "Mummy of a Baby," "I see the baby," observed an intelligent child-visitor; "but where is its Mummy? My Mummy never ties baby up like that."

Not Due North.—The North British Daily Mail, referring to the rumour that the Prince of Walks may go to New York in the autumn to see the contest for the America Cup, says: "There will be better racing on the Clyde than there was last year. Let the Punner come north at midsummer this year." Very likely the race on the Clyde will be a good one. But our Scottish contemporary forgets that a visit to the United States on the part of H.R.H. would be to the advantage of two races—the American and the British. It would be sure to cause good feeling on either side of the Atlantic. Why should not Calcdonia wait?

By Our Own Cricket on the Hearth.—For any ordinary English team to attempt tackling the Australian Rieven coming over here next season, would show not so much the merit of the team, but its team-erity.

THE PRIVILEGE OF THE PRESS.

Scene-Anywhere. Present, Brown and Jones.

Brown (perusing paper). Capital speech of ARTHUR J. BALFOUR at the Newspaper Society's Dinner the other evening. His compliments to the Press were in every way deserved.

Jones (also reading a journal). Quite so. I am glad to see that the admirable publication I am now devouring objects to gambling in all its branches.

Brown, So does this. There is an excellent locker of the control of the co

in all its branches.

Brown. So does this. There is an excellent leader on the fourth page exposing the scandals of the Stook Exchange.

Jones. And here I find on page two a most earnest attack upon the abuses of the turf.

Brown. Such intelligent comments should do a world of good.

Jones. I am sure of it. I know, speaking for myself, I feel much better after perusing a column that might have supplied the pabulum

better after perusing a column that might have supplied the patulum of a sermon.

Brown. Just my case. It really strengthens one's moral perceptions to come across such noble sentiments. Well, as we have both read the leaders, let us exchange papers.

Jones. With pleasure, only I want just to glance at the latest odds. This journal gives the latest information on all matters connected with racing and the turf generally.

Brown. Just so, that is why I wanted to read it. Well, I must fill up the time by looking at the money article. Commend me to the city editor of this favourite production when you want to have a gentle flutter! gentle flutter !

"KEY-NOTES,"—In anticipation of H.R.H. the Prince of WALES visiting the Isle of Man later in the year, though at present

The Prince of Wales declines, with thanks, The invitation sent from Manx,

the House of Keys has put every quay on the bunch at His Royal Highness's disposal for landing.

FLOWER SHOWS AND CITY BUSINESS. — "Preference Stocks. Chatham Seconds Rose." What a sweet combination of colour and scent per scent!

EXPECTEDNESS.

"INEVITABLE" is the new cant phrase, and certain phrases are inevitable, it would seem.

It is inevitable, if you should happen to beg the pardon of one of the lower middle class, that he (or more generally she) will reply with "Granted!"

It is inevitable, if you converse.

It is inevitable, if you converse It is inevitable, if you converse with a young Oxonian of immature intellect, that he will murder the Queen's, or (as he would call it) Quagger's, English by some such expression as "What a beastly seneagger!" or invite you to "stagger for the dagger" (i.e. stay for the day). But competent authorities are inclined to think that this laborious form of undergraduate wit, or "wagger," is doomed to speedy "extigger." It is inevitable that the would-be smart business person, when

be smart business person, when inditing a circular or club notice, will say, "Forward same," or, "I inclose same," instead of "it,"

whatever it may happen to be.
It is inevitable that, when 'Array
wishes to be familiarly polite at
parting, he will take his leave
with "Solong."

It is inevitable that, when s young City man desires to express his disapproval of any individual or thing, he will dismiss it as "no class."

"no class."
It is inevitable, if you make any surprising or absurd statement to a Yankee, that his comment thereon will be, "Is that so!"
It is inevitable, if you meet an actor "resting" in the Strand, that he will ask you to "Name it," and you will proceed to do so (possibly at your own expense) at (possibly at your own expense) at one or more of the excellent drinking-bars in that locality.



A YORKSHIRE GOSSIP.

First Gossip. "So you was nivver axed tut Funeral?"

Second Gossip. "Nivver as much as inside thouse. But nobbut wait till we hev a Funeral of us own, an we'll show

A-DRESS BY MR. SPEAKER.

["Certain Members object to at-tending the SPEAKER'S dinner or levées in full dress."]

Mr. Speaker.

"On, ye must walk in silk attire, And swords and buckles wear, Gin ye wad come to dine wi' me, Or tend my levées mair."

The Members.

"Oh, what's to us your silken
show, [smart?—
And swords and buckles
And if you still insist upon't, Then you and we must part!"

Mr. Speaker.

"Then ye shall come in what attire
It suits ye best to wear,
Gin ye'll consent to mind the
Whip,
Nor plague the Party mair."

WORTHY OBJECT.—It is encouraging to hear of a "Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen." The deeper the sea-fishermen are, the more necessary is the mission.

These Deep Sea-Fishermen are also because to be able to generally supposed to be able to look after their own soles; but now they will receive aid in their work. As the Bishop of LIVER-POOL is a prominent patron of this good work, it may be taken for granted that most of these deep uns are fishermen in his Lordship's See.

An Acquirtal.—With what a sense of relief does a bon virant who has been brought up by Corporal Allment before the Doctor's Court Martial hear the verdict of "Not Guty!",

LAW IN BLANK.

(A Natural Development of the Modern System of Suppression.)

Scene-Interior of one of the Royal Courts. Customary occupants and surroundings. Witness in the box undergoing crossexamination.

First Counsel. And now will you give me the name of the person

you met on that occasion?

Second Counsel. I do not wish to interfere without reason; but surely it is unnecessary to introduce third parties into this inquiry.

Witness. Perhaps I might follow the plan I adopted in my ex-

Witness. Perhaps I might follow the plan I adopted in my examination-in-chief and write the name on a piece of paper?

The Judge. That seems a reasonable course to pursue.

First Counsel. As your Lordship pleases. Then be so good as to give me the name as suggested. (Witness complies.) Thank you.

After reading the paper.) Do you spell the name with a final "e"?

Second Counsel. Really, my learned friend is carrying matters too far. If the anonymity of third parties is to be preserved, such a leading question would reveal the identity at once.

The Judge. I suppose you mean that the query about the final "e" would indicate that the veiled name was "Browne."

Second Coursel. Onite as my lord; that is a conclusion that would

Second Counsel. Quite so, my lord; that is a conclusion that would be accepted by persons of the most ordinary intelligence.

First Counsel. But as a matter of fact, the name to which I refer is certainly neither Brown nor Browne. I will submit the paper to your lordship.

The Judge (after perusing the slip which has been handed to him by an usher). Dear me! I am greatly surprised!

Foreman of the Jury. May we, my lord, learn the name?

First Counsel. So far as I am concerned, I shall be only too pleased to allow the Gentlemen of the Jury to have the fullest information on the point.

Second Counsel. If I object, it is not because I have not the greatest confidence in the Jury's discretion, but simply as a matter of principle.

First Counsel. I do not see how the affair is a matter of principle, PAGNE DISTRICT.—" Make Ay while the sun shines."

but if my learned friend objects I have no wish to push the point further. (Turning to Witness.) And now, where did you meet this person whose name we have arranged to leave undiscovered?

Witness. Perhaps you will allow me to write the locality on a piece of paper and pass it round?

The Judge. I think we may do that.

First Counsel. As your Lordship pleases. (Course suggested pursued.) And now, have you ever seen any one else on the subject?

Witness. Cartainly. (Produces a scroll.) Here is a list. I have purposely written their names in shorthand, so that they may only be recognised by those who have a knowledge of Priman's method.

The Judge. Certainly.

First Counsel. And that, my Lord, is my case. [Sits down. The Judge. And now, Gentlemen, before we proceed further, I would like to make a suggestion. When we commenced this trial not be made public. Since then it seems to me that we should learn them. What do you say, Gentlemen?

Foreman of the Jury. We share your Lordship's curiosity.

The Judge (addressing Counsel). You hear.

First Counsel (after consultation with his opponent). My Lord, I need scarcely say that both my friend and myself are most anxious to meet the wishes of your Lordship. But as this is a point of great importance to our clients, we should like to have an opportunity of consulting them. No doubt the names asked for might only have a limited circulation—be known only to your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Jury. Still there are objections to even so partial a publication as I have shadowed forth which make it most desirable that we should have an opportunity of giving the matter our fullest consideration. Perhaps we might adjourn until to-morrow morning?

The Judge. Oh, certainly, certainly.

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[Court consequently adjourns to meet the necessities of the situation.



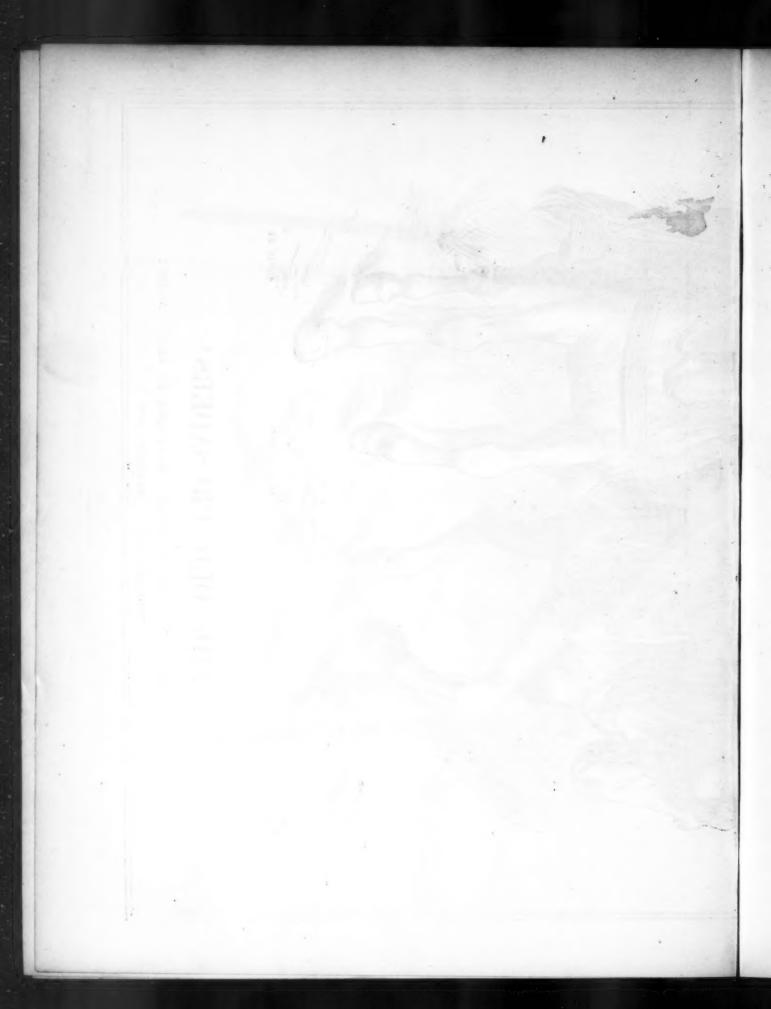




THE OLD CRUSADERS!

THE DUKE OF ARG-LL AND MR. GL-DST-NE "BROTHERS IN ARMS" AGAIN!

BULGARIA, 1876. ARMENIA, 1895.



NEURALGIA.

What do I care if sunny Spring
Come now at last with balmy
weather?
What do I care for anything?
I hate existence altogether.
It makes me almost mad, in truth,
This awful aching in my tooth.

What do I care for wealth or fame, Or woman's charms the most entrancing?

Despised or loved, it's all the

same.
You would not catch me even glancing
At any face you ever saw;
I'm only thinking of my jaw.

What do I care if Trunks are low, Argentines flat, Home Rails neglected?

Though mines may come and

mines may go,
I'm indescribably dejected.
They may be, I am, "dull" and
"weak."

Confound my throbbing, swollen

What do I care which party's in, To take more pennies from my

income,
Or, if from tax on beer or gin,
Or, water extra "tin" Or milk and water extra

My thoughts are "in another place"; This aching spreads throughout

What do I care for any play,
For dance or dinner, song or
supper? [gay.

with pangs like these I can't be
They spread from lower jaw to



A LEFT-HANDED COMPLIMENT.

"BACK AGAIN, DOCTOR! I'VE BEEN SO MUCH BETTER SINCE

Across my face, as I have said, And now attack my haple head.

What do I even care if She
May frown upon her wretched
lover,
And like another more than me?
Such pangs I might in time

recover.
I do not care, I do not know;
I'm aching now from top to toe,

MR. RUDYARD KIPLING has written another Barrack - room Ballad (see Pall Mall Gaestes of Thursday last). It is called "The Men that fought at Minden," and is perhaps the most coarse and unattractive specimen of verse that this great young man has put forth yet—a jumble of words without a trace of swing or music. All this Tonney Atkins business, with its "Rockies" and its "Johnny Rawa," and its affectation of intimate knowledge of the common soldier's inmost feelings, is about played out, and the interest in it is not likely to be revived by such jargon as "The Men that fought at Minden." Besides, didn't Lord Gronge Backwiller fight (?) at Minden? MR. RUDYARD KIPLING has

(Explained at last.—The (Zoo-) logical excuse given for the boa-constrictor when he swallowed his companion, was that "he only wanted a snack for luncheon." It had been hinted that he found "the other one" such a "boa" at meal times that he was determined to put him down. But this is not the fact.

A LITTLE CHANGE.

Hang it all! They have blocked the street and are laying it with asphalte; just in May, as usual. From early morning the quiet of my rooms is disturbed by the noise of the work, when I go out a sphalte; just in May, as usual. From early morning the quiet of my rooms is disturbed by the noise of the work, when I go out a strength of the work, when I go out a strength of the work, when I go out a strength of the work, when I go out a strength of the work, when I go out a strength of the work which make the two syllables mean "leaver of any hand the other is being rebuilt. I sty from falling dust and brickbats, only form against ladders and paint-pots. It is awful. And now my Annt Jark is coming up from Bath, and has invited herself to tea at my chambers. Her rheumatism prevents her from walking more than a yard or two, she cannot bear any noise, and the smell of paint makes her Ill. She is very rich, and could leave all she has to the poor. Accurately speaking, that class includes me, but in my sunt's opinion it does not. She is very supicious, and, if I made excuses and invited her to tea anywhere else, she would feel convinced that I was hiding some guilty seared in my dull, quiet, respectable roome. She is very prim, and the mere suggestion of such a thing would alienate her from me for ever. Why on earth can't she stop in Bath? And I shall have to go with her to May meetings! It is impossible; I must fly. But where? She has a horror and suspicion of all foreign nations, except perhaps the steady, industrious Swiss. Good idea-Switzerland. But what reason can I give for rushing off just now? Someone must send me. I have it. She knows I try to write a little, so I will say my editor requires me to go at once to Geneva to write a series of articles in the Jardin Alpin d'Acclimation on Alpine botany. Botany, how respectable! Genera, how sedate! Makes one think at once of Calvin and Geneva bands.

Perhaps I shall never reach Geneva. Paris will do will enough.

No streets there taken up in the Spring. No pointing on Hang it all! They have blocked the street and are laying it with

Hôtel, and try to imagine that I see some of the people in Trilby—Little Billee, or Taffy, or the Laird—amongst the animated, cosmopolitan crowd. And the stately giant in the gilt chain will solemnly arrange the newspapers in all languages, and will supply me with note-paper. I must be careful not to write to my aunt a long description of the Jardin Alpin d'Acolimatation de Genève on paper stamped "Grand Hôtel, Paris." And the attentive Joseph, with those long grey whiskers, sacred to the elderly French waiter and the elderly French lawyer, will exclaim, "Vid, M'sies!" in all those varied tones which make the two syllables mean "Yessir!" "Coming, Sir!" "Here is your coffee, Sir!" In a minute, Sir!" and so many things besides. And I shall be able to watch, assembled from all parts of the world, some younger and prettier faces than my Aunt Jann's. That settles it. A regretful letter to my aunt. And to-morrow en route!

A COMING CHARGE.

(Prematurely Communicated by our Prophetic Reporter.)

GENTLEMEN of the Jury, for the last couple of years or so you have no doubt read any number of de-nunciations of the conduct of the man whose actions you are now about to investigate. You have heard him abused right and left. You have seen pictures of him, in which he has been held up to scorn and public ridicule. You have heard it announced in all have heard it announced in all quarters that he is a secondrel and a thief. And as this has been the case, Gentlemen of the Jury, it is my duty to tell you that you must put aside the recollection of these stracks. You must treat the prisoner before you as if he were immaculate. In fact you must lay aside all prejudice, and give the man a fair trial; and, Gentlemen, it is fair trial; and, Gentlemen, it is my duty (sanctioned by precedent) to have the pleasure of informing you that I am sure you will! Yes, Gentlemen of the Jury, having regard to all the circum-stances of the case, I repeat, I am sure you will!

AT the National Liberal Club, or Wednesday, Lord Rosensur told the company they were not dancing on a volcano. That may be true, but it is equally true that the Government, in proposing to remit the sixpenny duty on whisky, are riding for a fall in (or, shall we say, a drop of) the "crater."



A WELLINGTON (STREET) MEMORIAL.

GENERAL OPINION (MR. PUNCE) PRESENTS THE MEDAL OF THE HIGHEST ORDER OF HISTRIONIC MESIT TO HENRY IRVING IN RECOGNITION OF DISTRIBUISHED SERVICE AS CORPORAL GREGORY BREWSTAR IN THE ACTION OF CONAN DOYLE'S "STORY OF WATERLOO."

ON THE NEW STATUE.

[",Her Majesty's Government are about to entrust to one of our first sculptors a great historical statue, which has too long been wanting to the series of those who have governed England."—Lord Resebery at the Royal Academy Banquet.]

OUR "Uncrowned King," at last

to stand
'Midst the legitimate Lord's
Anointed? [band,
How will they shrink, that sacred
Dismayed, disgusted,
pointed!
The recovery Portage of the standard of

The parvenu Protector thrust Amidst the true Porphyro-

Amidst the true Porphyrogeniti?
How will it stir right royal dust!
The mutton-eating king's amenity [slur.
Were hardly proof against this
WILLIAM the thief, RUPUS the

bully, [cur,— The traitor John, and James the Their royal purple how 'twill

sully
To rub against the brower's buff!
HARRY, old Mother Church's glory Meet this Conventicler?—Enough!

The Butcher dimmed not England's story [nown.
But rather brightened her reIn campand courtit must be said,

And if he did not win a crown, At least he never lost his head!

Anono Mr. LeGallienne's new poems there is one entitled *Tree Worship*. It is not dedicated to the lessee of the Haymarket Theatre by "an Admirer."

A MAY MEETING.

THEY met in a cake-shop hard by the Strand,
He in black broadcloth, and she in silk.
She had a glass of "fizz" in her hand,
He had a bun and a cup of milk.
She had a sunshade of burnished crimson,
He had a brolly imperfectly furled,
And a pair of pince-nez with tortoiseahell

rims on. He looked the Church, and she seemed the World.

They sat on each side of a marble table, His legs were curled round the legs of his chair. Around them babbled a miniature Babel :

The sunlight gleamed on her coppery hair.
She held a crumpled Academy Guide,
Scored with crosses in beld blacklead;
A pile of leaflets lay at his side,
And he grasped a Report, which he gravely

His shaven lip was pendulous, long.

Her mouth was a cherry-hued mous mutine,
His complacent, uncomely, strong,
Hers soft appetence sharpened with spleen.
Her eyes scale-glitter, his cyster-dim,
His huge mouth hardened, her small lips

curled

As he gazed at her and she glansed at him; He looked the Church, and she seemed the World.

"A holy spouter from Exeter Hall!"
(So she mused as she sipped her wine.)
"A butterfly in the Belial thrall
Of Vanity Fair, all tinkle and shine!"
So thought he as he crumbled his bun
With clumsy fingers in loose black cloth;

And the impish spirit of genial fun Hovered about them and mocked them both.

Mutual ignorance, mutual scorn, Revealed in glances shame though fleeting; Such, in the glow of this glad May morn, The inhuman spirit of mortal meeting.

The worm must disparage the butterfly, The butterfly must despise the worm; And Seorn, the purblind, will ne'er descry A common bond, or a middle term.

Modish folly, factitious Art? True, grave homilist, sadly true!
But Bosnerges truculent, tart,
What of the part that is played by you?
You denouncing the "Snare of Beauty,"
She affecting to feel its spell,—
Which falls shortest of human duty?

Shallow censor, can you quite tell?

Meanwhile the lilae is blithely budding,
And sweetly breatheth the nutty May,
The golden sunshine the earth is flooding,
And you—you celo the old, old bray
Of Boanerges. A broader greeting
Of brotherhood full, warm hearts, wide eyes
Might lend a meaning to your "May Meeting"
To gladden the gentle and win the wise.

"What's IM A NAME? A Rossa, &c."— Before being ejected from the House of Com-mons on Wednesday last, O'Donovan Rossa shouted out that "A stain had been put upon his name." Where is the ingenious crafts-man who did it? He might try his hand next time at gilding refined gold.

QUEST.—Can a champagne wine from the vintage of "Ay" be invariably and fairly described as "Ay 1"?

MODES AND METALS.

["Neckties made of aluminium have just been invented in Germany."—Evening Paper.]

VISITED my tailor's puddling works to-day. He has some really neat new pig-iron fabrics for the season. I am thinking of trying his Bessemer steel indestructible evening-dress suits.

Really this new plan of mineral clothing comes in very usefully when one is attacked by roughs on a dark night. Floored an assailant most satisfactorily with a touch of

my lead handkerchief.

The only objection I can find to my aluminium summer suiting is its tendency to get red hot if I stand in the sun for five

minutes.

I think I can now safely defy my laundress to injure my patent safety ironelad steel

I find, however, that there is no need of a laundress at all. When one's linen is soiled, sand-paper and a mop will clean it in no time. My frock-coat has got a nasty kink in it; must send it to be repaired at the smelting

ONCE CUT DON'T COME AGAIN!—It was said by The Figuro last week that Japan would demand "an extra payment of one hundred millions of taels by China." But surely a hundred million Chinamen would evince a pig-headed obstinacy in parting with, or being parted from, their "tails" on any consideration.

"A LIGHTSHIP SUNK."—Impossible! couldn't have been a lightship, it must have been a very heavy ship.



Daughter (enthusiastically). "Oh, Manna! I must Learn Bicycling! So delightful to go at such a pace!"
Mamma (severely). "No thank you, my dear; you are quite 'past' enough Albeady!"

ESSENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

EXTRACTED FROM THE DIARY OF TOBY, M.P.

House of Commons, Monday, May 6.—Welsh Disestablishment
Bill on. So is The Man from Shropshire, STANLEY LEIGHTON, as
GEORGE TREVELYAN pointed out long ago, is irresistibly like the
ruined Chancery
Suitor of Bleak
House. Always
dashing into debate as The Man

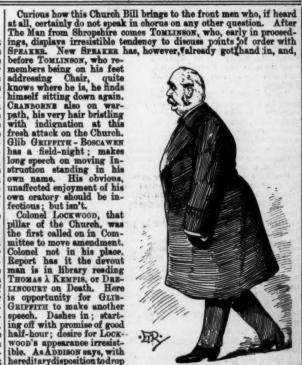
The Joys of Office. "Speaker! Hats off, Strangers!" matter.

from Shropshire broke in on the business of the Court of Chan-cery. "Mr. Chair-man!" he shouts, and waves his and waves his arms, as The Man arms, as The Man from Shropshire oried aloud. "My lord!" and tried to seize the Lord Chancellor by wig or neck. After first ebullition, our Man from Shropshire quietens down. Argues with gravity of tone and manner that seem to imthat seem to imply he has some-thing to say. Turns out he hasn't; but, on the Welsh Dis-establishment

no

Curious how this Church Bill brings to the front men who, if heard

the first called on in Committee to move amendment. Colonel not in his place. Report has it the devout man is in library reading THOMAS A KEMPIS, or DRELINCOURT on Death. Here is opportunity for GLUBGRIFFITH to make another speech. Dashes in; starting off with promise of good half-hour; desire for LOCK-WOOD'S appearance irresistwood's appearance irresistible. As Addison says, with hereditary disposition to drop into poetry, and the belief that he is quoting Tenerson, Mr. Cawmel-Bannerman crosses the Lobby.



Better fifty words from LOCKWOOD

Scouts sent out in all directions. The Colonel discovered in sort of oratory he has contrived in far recess of library. Brought back to House; found Boscawen bowling along. "This is my show," said the Colonel as he passed Boscawen on his way to his seat. More fierconces in his eye than befit the man or the occasion. Boscawen stared over his head, and went on with his speech. Opportunity too precious to be lost. If Lockwood meant to move his amendment he should have been there when called upon. He wasn't: Boscawen found it, so to speak, by roadside. Now it was his; would make the most of it; pegged along whilst the Colonel muttered remarks as he glared upon him. Some who sat by said it was a prayer. Others, catching a word here and there, said it was a quotation from Thomas & Kempis. Whatever it might have been, Colonel seemed much moved. Hardly pacified when, at end of twenty minutes, Guir-Griphith sat down, and Lockwood, finding himself in peculiar position of seconding his own amendment, delivered the speech he had prepared for moving it.

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Tuesday.—Pretty to see Prince Arthur drop down on George disease.—Got into Silomio. That this House diseases are partially of Silomio. That the House is severally of Silomio. That the indicates the partial partial to be lost. Speaker rise to put question "That this House diseases are to put question "The Tanner District of the Speaker. Well, if they didn't like the question in the form had first put it, he would be districted the problem of truth or phantasy. Not a true?" "Order? order?" says the Speaker. Well, if they didn't like the question in the form had first put it, he would be districted the problem of truth or phantasy. Not a true?" "Order? order?" says the Speaker. Well, if they didn't like the question in the form had first put it, he would be districted the problem of truth or phantasy. As a supplementary of the Districted the problem of truth or phantasy. Not a true?" "Order? order?" says the Speaker. Well, if they didn't had first put it, he would be districted the problem of truth or phantasy. The problem of truth or phantasy. The partial problem of truth or phantasy. The problem of truth or phantasy ar

negotiations, secused Asquirit of nothing less than stealing a county. "Filching" was precise word, "Filehing" was precise word, which has its equivalent in Slang Dictionary in sneaking. Idea of HOME SECRETARY hovering over the Marches in dead of night, and, when he thought no one was look-ing, picking up Monmouthshire, and putting it in his coat-teil pocket, amused scanty audience. But SILOMIO really wrath. "Al-ways Anti-English this Govern-ment," he exclaimed, with scoraful sweep of red right hand along line of smilling faces on Treasury Bench. of smiling faces on Treasury Bench. "A stirring burst of British pa-triotism," GRONGE KUSSELL cha-racterised it, JOHN BULL in excelsis. The more notable since, on reference to official record, he

"Quite perfect," said Lockwood, "But what a loss the stage has sustained by PRINCE ARTHUR taking to politics? Tried both myself and know something about it." Business done,—An eight hours day with Welsh Disestablishment Bill.

-TANNER'S curiosity inconveniently uncontrollable Thursday.—Tanner's curiosity inconveniently uncontrollable. At end of sitting given up to Scotland no one thinking about COMMANDER-IS-CHIEF OF TANNER either. Successive divisions had carried sitting far beyond midnight, that blessed hour at which, in ordinary circumstances, debate stands adjourned. Quarter of an hour occupied in dividing on question whether they should divide on amendment. Proposal affirmed; another quarter of an hour spent in fresh division. Nothing possible further to be done, Members streamed forth, scrambling for cabs in Palace Yard. Converance in charge of a Bill dealing with false alarms of fire, managed to get it through Committee unopposed. Members little recked how near they were to real alarm of worse than fire.

Twenty minutes earlier, when last division taken, over 330

nad hist put it, he would try
again.

"I would ask," he said, adopting
conditional mood as least likely to
hurt anyone's feelings, "whether
a member of the Royal Family
who has really" (most desirous of
not putting it too strongly, but
really you know) "been drawing
public money too long is going to
retire?" retire?

"Order! order!" roared the few

Members present.
"I would ask that question, repeated TANWER, still in the con ditional mood, but nodding confi-dentially all round.

The Blameless BARTLEY happily

The Blameiess Bartley happy at post of duty. Broke in with protest. Spraker ruled question out of order. But the good Tabber came back like a bad supence. "Is his Royal Highness going to retire?" he insisted, getting redder than ever in the face. "Order!

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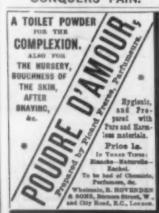
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